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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980072

To implement extended local  
service from its Braddock  
Exchange to GTE South's Arcola  
Exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On May 12, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposed to notify its Braddock exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include GTE South's Arcola exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in GTE South's Arcola exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to Braddock. Using a cost study prepared by GTE South, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Arcola local service area to include Braddock. Subscribers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Braddock. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Braddock to the Arcola exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Braddock subscribers, a poll of those subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice to its customers in the Braddock exchange of this application; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application.

Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980072.

(2) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State

Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O.  
Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case  
No. PUC980072.

(3) A copy of this order and the application shall be made  
available for public inspection at the Commission's Document  
Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building,  
1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m.  
to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before July 15, 1998, BA-VA shall publish the  
following notice in the Braddock exchange twice as display  
advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general  
circulation in that exchange.

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.  
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE  
AREA OF THE BRADDOCK EXCHANGE  
TO INCLUDE GTE SOUTH'S ARCOLA EXCHANGE  
CASE NO. PUC980072

Telephone subscribers in GTE South's  
Arcola exchange petitioned the Virginia State  
Corporation Commission ("Commission") for  
local calling to the Braddock exchange.  
Subscribers in the Arcola exchange were  
polled regarding their willingness to pay an  
increase in monthly rates for local calling  
to the Braddock exchange. The majority of  
those customers responding in the Arcola  
exchange supported this expansion of local  
service.

Based on BA-VA's costs, the Commission  
determined the monthly rates for expanded  
local service for Braddock customers to call  
the Arcola exchange (telephone numbers  
beginning with 703-327). For expanded local  
calling to Arcola from Braddock, monthly  
rates would increase as follows: flat rate  
residential service, \$0.02; residential

message rate service, \$0.01; residential measured rate service, \$0.00; residential economy message service, \$0.01; residential economy measured service, \$0.00; residential exchange only service, \$0.00; business message rate lines or trunks, \$0.02; and business measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.00.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222 and businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980072, with the Clerk of the Commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before August 14, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Braddock customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

(5) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of 5% or 150 of the Braddock exchange customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before September 4, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the number of objections to the proposal.